

**Coastal Art and Poetry Contest
and River of Words[®] Contest Entry Form**

Note: If we can't read your handwriting, you can't win a prize and you won't get your Watershed Explorer[®] Certificate. So, please print carefully and use a pen!

Date: _____

Please check one: I am entering as an individual____, OR, as part of a class/group_____

DO I CHECK THE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CATEGORY?

This is important for receiving your certificate. Do not check the Individual entry category unless you are entering the contest all on your own (as a home-schooler, perhaps), not as part of a class, club or other group. If, like most entrants, you are entering through school or some other organization, you should check the Group entry category. If possible, all the entries from your group should be sent in the same envelope. You will each be individually eligible for a prize and will be individually acknowledged on your "Watershed Explorer" certificates, which will all be sent to your teacher or facilitator to hand out.

Name:_____ Age:_____ Grade:_____ Male: __ Female: __

Title of Submission:_____ Art:___Poem:___ (Check one)

Note: If you are entering as part of a group you MUST indicate whether you are entering through your school, scout troop, summer camp, park district, library, or other organization, below.

School or Organization_____

School/Org Address_____ City_____

State_____ Zip/Postal Code_____ School Phone _____

Teacher/Facilitator(s) First Name_____ Last _____

Parent or Guardian's Name_____ Signature _____

Home Address _____ City_____

State_____ Zip/Postal Code_____ Home Phone_____

I hereby grant and assign to the California Coastal Commission and to River of Words (ROW) the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect to the original writing, artwork or photos that I have submitted to the California Coastal Commission and River of Words, to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish, and otherwise reproduce, and display the same, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork, writing, photos, and video, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world, for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, and trade, or any other purpose whatsoever; and to use my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in the California Coastal Commission's Coastal Art and Poetry Contest and the River of Words Program. I understand that any use of this submitted work will include my child's name as its creator. I hereby release and discharge the California Coastal Commission and River of Words from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork, writing, photos, and video, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, the California Coastal Commission and River of Words maintain the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no poem or artwork of merit is found. The California Coastal Commission and River of Words assume no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. The California Coastal Commission and River of Words may sell, assign, license, or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, licensees, and assigns of the California Coastal Commission and River of Words. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. I further release the California Coastal Commission and River of Words from any responsibility for injury incurred during the research or production of the original writing, artwork, photos and video.

I, _____, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor.

Pledge of Originality: I declare and avow that the poem(s) or art I am submitting to the California Coastal Commission's Coastal Art and Poetry Contest and the River of Words Contest is my own original work.

Student's signature_____

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Coastal Art and Poetry Contest/River of Words

Rules and Guidelines

Entries must be postmarked by February 15. Entries may be sent in at any time throughout the year.

1. The California Coastal Commission is joining with River of Words to incorporate its Coastal Art and Poetry Contest into the River of Words contest. Participants in the Coastal Art and Poetry Contest will automatically be entered into the River of Words contest. (Judging for the two contests will be done separately; selections for one contest will have no bearing on the other.) The contest is open to California residents in grades K-12. Entrants may submit work through their school or individually. There are four categories for awards for both art and poetry: K-2nd, 3rd-6th, 7th-9th, and 10th-12th grade.
2. Youth may enter the contest as many times as they like, but a separate entry form *must* be completed for each submission.
3. All entrants will receive a Watershed Explorer Certificate from River of Words.
4. All poems must be original work. Written poetry must be either typed (preferred) or legibly written in ink (pencil does not photocopy); ASL poetry must be submitted on VHS videotape. **Poems should not exceed 32 lines in length (written) or 3 minutes (signed).** The student's name, age, grade, teacher, school, city, state and zip code should be included on the poem, and a completed Entry Form should be attached. For ASL poetry, please include a brief written summary of the poem's content and staple this summary to your entry form. For written poems, please staple the Entry Form to the poem so that each piece faces out. Collaborative poems are accepted, but only one child (chosen as the group representative) will be eligible for any prizes awarded. We are able to accept poems only in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.
5. All artwork must be original work. **Artwork should not exceed 11" by 17" in size.** Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), and collage. All entries must contain the student's name, school, city and state on the back — do not use a marker or anything that will show through! A completed entry form must also be affixed to the back of each piece of artwork. Please attach the entry form with tape or other fixative (if using glue, be careful to use one that will not run through and damage the artwork) — also, do not use paperclips! High quality color reproductions of prize-winning artwork will be provided to their respective creators.
6. Art entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display or framing. Please, no notebook or typing paper, and do not mat, mount, laminate, frame or fold artwork. Entries must be mailed flat or rolled in a tube — no folding, please!
7. Submissions become property of the California Coastal Commission and River of Words. Through submission of poetry or artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant to the California Coastal Commission and River of Words non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted.
8. All entries must be postmarked by February 15, and must be received by February 22. We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail. Entries received after the deadline will be automatically entered in next year's contest.
9. Winners will be announced in April of each year.* River of Words winners must sign an acceptance form. For a list of winners, please include a self-addressed, stamped (55¢) envelope when sending in your entry.
10. Coastal Commission Awards: Winners will be selected in each of four grade-level categories in both art and poetry to receive the Ed "Doc" Ricketts Award and a \$100 gift certificate to an art supply or book store. Winners may have their artwork featured in California Coastal Commission and River of Words materials or web pages.

River of Words Grand Prize: Round trip transportation from the winner's nearest major airport to Washington, D.C. for the winner and one parent or guardian. Prize is not redeemable for cash. Accommodations and some meals will also be provided. Taxes and all other expenses are the responsibility of the winner. Winners must be available for travel sometime in April or May.

**The California Coastal Commission and River of Words reserve the right to not award a winner in any given category if no entry merits such designation.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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